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In re Application of:)

Yoshio SASAKI et al.)

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INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD,)
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AND RECORDING PROGRAM)

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To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application and no fees are believed to be necessary.

The following documents are listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 and are in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Publication No. 63-121130. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language Abstract.

2. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Publication No. 8-329469. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language Abstract.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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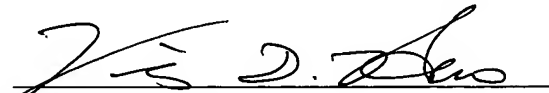
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